GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO and the then Accounts Officer(FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District – Imposed a major penalty of "withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" under Rule 9(vi) of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991 – Appeal filed – Allowed – Punishment is reduced to that of "withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect" - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 498 Dated: 05-09-2024

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Rt. No.207, PR&RD (VIG.III) Dept., dt:04.03.2024.
2. Appeal, dt:06.06.2024 of Sri D.L.S. Sarma, MPDO, the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, orders were issued imposing a penalty of "withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, Mandal Parishad Development Officer and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District, under Rule 9(vi) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, for the charges on the allegations that, he failed to safeguard the ZPP funds misused/diverted.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders, Sri D.L.S. Sarma, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), has filed an appeal before the Government, vide reference 2nd read above, stating that, when such transactions made through appropriate process such exercise would have been done by him, but, the concerned authorities ignored his interference and made the transactions which caused for the present situation. The appellant once again submit that such instances of misappropriation has not come to his notice as the files were not routed through Accounts Officer. The individual further submitted that the Inquiry Officer while analyzing the facts happened during his tenure has come to the decision that he is innocent as the concerned procedure adopted in implementing the alleged transactions made were without his consent or recommendations and Inquiry Authority concluded as:-

> "On the basis of documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case before me, it is found that the D.O.-III is a Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Anaparthy and the applicant is not a regular Accounts Officer, but holding FAC".

"Many of the items alleged against the Chief Executive Officer, Z.P.P., are not routed through him. He may not be held responsible for the decisions taken by the Chairman, District Collector & Special Officer, Z.P.P., East Godavari District in the financial matter. Hence, I hold that the charge is not proved against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, FAC Accounts Officer, Z.P.P, East Godavari, Kakinada & MPDO, M.P.P., Anaparthy".

3. With the position explained above, Sri D.L.S. Sarma, Mandal Parishad Development Officer and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, has requested the Government, to pardon and descend the Major punishment awarded against him.

4. After careful examination of the matter, keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Authority and Appeal of the Individual, the Government, taking a lenient view, have decided to reduce the major punishment of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect to that of "withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect" against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, Mandal Parishad Development Officer and the then Accounts Officer (FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District.

5. Accordingly, the Government, hereby order to reduce the major punishment of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect to that of "withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect" against Sri D.L.S. Sarma, Mandal Parishad Development Officer and the then Accounts Officer(FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District, in modification of earlier orders issued in G.O. 1st read above, in the interest of natural Justice.

6. The Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District, shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESHA)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri D.L.S. Sarma, Mandal Parishad Development Officer and the then Accounts Officer(FAC), ZPP, Kakinada, East Godavari District (through the Director, PR&RD)
The Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District (with a request to serve to the individual, obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders urgently)
Copy to:
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy. CM (PR&RD, RWS and EFS&T).
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Kakinada.
The PR&RD (Estt.V) Dept.
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